

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 CANBER 02413 240649Z

47

ACTION CU-04

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 USIA-12 /024 W

----- 038596

R 240517Z APR 74

FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3061

UNCLAS CANBERRA 2413

FOR CU.

EO 11652: NA.

TAGS: OEXC.

SUBJ: DISTINGUISHED VISITOR GRANTS.

REF: STATE 081879.

THE DECISION TO PROVIDE FIRST CLASS AIR TRAVEL FOR DISTINGUISHED VISITOR GRANTEES AND SPOUSES ONLY WAS TAKEN BY AAEF BOARD AT ITS MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 1973 AND SO RECORDED IN THE MINUTES. DECISION WAS MADE IN FULL RECOGNITION THAT IT IS DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS PRACTICE AND USG POLICY, BUT WAS URGED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN AND AUSTRALIAN MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO UPGRADE THE VALUE AND PRESTIGE OF THE RARE "DISTINGUISHED VISITOR" AWARDS AND THUS ATTRACT AMERICAN OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE CALIBRE FOR THESE SHORT TERM GRANTS. EXAMPLE WOULD BE RECENT DISTINGUISHED AND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISITOR JOHN UPDIKE (SEE OUR A-61, APRIL 17, 1974), ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT ARGUE THAT FIRST CLASS OR SPOUSE TRAVEL WAS FACTOR IN HIS ACCEPTING AAEF GRANT OFFER. BOARD IS OF BELIEF THAT WITH DISTINGUISHED VISITORS OF THE KIND OF EMINENCE WE SEEK, THE PRESTIGE AND HONOR OF AN AAEF GRANT WILL REGAIN SOME OF THE STATURE IT POSSESSED BEFORE RECENT AUSTRALIAN PROSPERITY IN THE ACADEMIC WORLD AND DOLLAR DEVALUATIONS WEAKENED THE PURELY MONETARY VALUE OF THE GRANTS. ALTHOUGH THIS PRACTICE DEPARTS FROM DEPARTMENT'S MANUAL OF PROCEDURES FOR COMMISSIONS AND FOUNDATIONS, BOARD BELIEVES SUCH A DEPARTURE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CANBER 02413 240649Z

FULLY PERMISSABLE UNDER THE FLEXIBLE RULES OF APPLICATION

OF THE MANUAL FOR FOUNDATIONS SUCH AS AAEF, WHICH ARE FUNDED MORE THAN HALF FROM HOST GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

ALTHOUGH USG AND GOA CONTRIBUTIONS TO AAEF ARE INTER-MINGLED AND NOT SEPARATELY ACCOUNTED FOR, BOARD AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE PERFECTLY PROPER TO CONSIDER THAT THESE EXTRA COSTS FOR DISTINGUISHED VISITOR GRANTEES AND SPOUSES COME FROM AUSTRALIAN, NOT RPT NOT USG CONTRIBUTED FUNDS.
GREEN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 APR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974CANBER02413
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740096-0502
From: CANBERRA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740419/aaaaaqfh.tel
Line Count: 70
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION CU
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 081879.
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 SEP 2002 by BryanSD>; APPROVED <02 JAN 2003 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DISTINGUISHED VISITOR GRANTS.
TAGS: OEXC, AS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005